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Earthquake - About two o'clock this morning, this town experienced the shock of an earthquake, which lasted from three to five minutes, the rattling of the window glass and furniture in the rooms, was so great as to rouse every family in town - A second shock succeeded in half an hour, which continued about half a minute. - Between sunrise and breakfast, three others, each of a few seconds duration, were felt. We heard of no damage being done. - At the end of the first and largest shock, there were in a direction due north, two flashes of light, (an interval of about a minute between them) much resembling distant lighting.